

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0030] as follows:

[0030] If, in step S22, the identified special service is determined to be available, a determination is made at step S23 as to whether all prerequisite requirements, meaning other required special services, applicable to the identified special service have been met. Specifically, if the identified special service has one or more prerequisite requirements associated with it, mail processing system 10 checks whether all of the required prerequisite special services have been selected and have also been determined to be applicable and appropriate for the mail piece. For example, in order for a return receipt for a c.o.d. delivery special service to be available for a mail piece, the c.o.d. special service must have been requested by the user for the mail piece and must have been determined to be appropriate and applicable to the mail piece as described herein. If, in step S23, it is determined that all prerequisite requirements for the identified special services have been met, then in S24 the identified special services is determined to be applicable to the mail piece and is saved as part of the transaction information to be used in determining postage for the mail piece in step S8 of Figure 3. Next, a determination is made at step S25 as to whether other special services requested in step S1 of Figure 3 need to be analyzed. If so, then processing returns to step S19 and steps S20 through S25 are repeated until all special services selected by the user have been analyzed.